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SUBJECT: UNESCO COURIER BICENTENNIAL ISSUE

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REF: (A) MOSCOW 17989, (B) STATE 280102, (C) STATE 280098,

1. HAVING HAD NO REPLY TO FORMAL LETTER SENT EARLIER BY P&C COUNSELOR (REFTEL A), EMBASSY NOVEMBER 24 AGAIN CONTACTED SOYUZPECHAT BY PHONE RE RETURN OF 3000 COPIES OF "COURIER."

2. SOYUZPECHAT REPRESENTATIVE PASSED BUCK, STATING SOYUZPECHAT ONLY DELIVERED MAGAZINES AT BEHEST OF MEZHDUNARODNAYA KNIGA, WHICH ACTS AS SOVIET AGENT FOR PARIS-BASED "COURIER" EDITORIAL OFFICES. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH SOYUZPECHAT UNLOADED 3000 COPIES ON US, THEY CANNOT TAKE THEM BACK WITHOUT ORDER FROM FURTHER UP SOVIET CHAIN OF COMMAND. WE FIND THIS NOVEL ADAPTATION OF CLASSIC CAPITALIST "CAVEAT EMPTOR" PRINCIPLE.

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3. OUR EXPERIENCE LEADS US TO CONCLUSION THAT MOST EFFECTIVE

COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE FOR "COURIER" PARIS OFFICE TO CONTACT MEZHDUNARODNAYA KNIGA, NOTE THAT CONTENTS OF ISSUE HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH BY SOVIETS AGAINST STANDING UNESCO POLICY, AND INSTRUCT THEM TO PICK UP UNWANTED COPIES OR TO INFORM EMBASSY WHERE TO DELIVER THEM. PRESUME "COURIER" EDITORS WOULD CONSENT TO THIS PROCEDURE, SINCE REFTEL C INDICATES UNESCO ACKNOWLEDGES SOVIET ACTED IN VIOLATION OF ESTABLISHED POLICY ON UNIFORM CONTENT OF "COURIER'S" VARIOUS LANGUAGE EDITIONS. REQUEST ARS/ PARIS PURSUE THIS COURSE OF ACTION AND ADVISE ON RESULT.

4. FOR NAIROBI: WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON ACTION TAKEN AT UNESCO CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT (REFTEL B).
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